

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Claims 1-4 and 6-29 are pending in the present application, with claim 1-2, 20-22, 24, 26, and 28 being independent.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication on page 4 of the outstanding Office Action that claims 1-4, 6-19, and 22-29 are allowed. For at least the reasons detailed below, independent claims 20 and 21 should be considered allowed.

Interview Summary

Applicants' representative would like to thank the Examiner, Quan Tra, for the personal interview that was conducted on January 20, 2004. During the interview the Examiner explained his position regarding the rejection as applied to claims 20 and 21, and Applicants representative discussed the patentability of claims 20 and 21 in view of the cited art.

Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected: claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Mizan et al. (US 5,339,047); and claim 20 (as

noted during the interview, although the Examiner states in item 5 of the Office Action that claim 19 was rejected, Applicants assume that this was a minor typographical error and should be claim 20) under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mizan et al. in view of Ohtake et al. (US 5,379,294). These rejections are respectfully traversed insofar as they pertain to the presently pending claim.

Applicants have amended claims 20 and 21 to further recite that each of their respective matching circuits "consists of." In other words, the matching circuit of claim 20 only includes a one-stage high pass filter type matching unit having a parallel inductor and a serial capacitor, and a one-stage low pass filter type matching unit having a parallel capacitor and a serial inductor. The matching circuit of claim 21 only includes a one-stage high pass filter type matching unit having a parallel inductor and a serial capacitor, and a one-stage low pass filter type matching unit having a parallel capacitor and a serial inductor.

In view of the amendments made to claims 20 and 21, Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited art even remotely teaches the recited features of each of claims 20 or 21. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

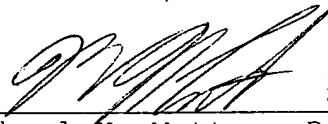
In view of the above amendments and remarks, this application appears to be in condition for allowance and the Examiner is, therefore, requested to reexamine the application and pass the claims to issue.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Martin Geissler (Reg. 51,011) at telephone number (703) 205-8000, which is located in the Washington, DC area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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